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Identification Data

1. Reference is made to page 3, an overlay of Scale 1:25,000, on which identified:
 1. A brook, two meters wide and 1 meter deep.
 2. Wismut A.G. Area.
 3. A road, which led from Chemnitz southwest to Glachau (approximately N 52-42, E 12-30), six meters wide, asphalt, very good condition with ditches and trees on sides.

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Site Layout

2. Reference is made to page 4, a sketch of the Wismut A.G. Main Administration, on which identified:
 1. Guard Post, wooden three by three by four meters, tar paper, low-pitched gable roof. One Soviet lieutenant and one enlisted man in Soviet Army uniforms on 24 hour duty; both armed with pistol.

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2. Wismut A.G. Main Administration Building - Constructed in 1947, this brick building was painted a light grey, U-shape, measured approximately 90 m. around the outer perimeter, 10 m. wide, three stories, red tile high-pitched gable roof. Building was well illuminated by conventional electric light system. The entire building housed only administrative offices. Approximately 400 people, 70% of whom were Soviets, were employed in this building.
3. Barrack, wooden, 20 x 8 x 4 m., tar paper low-pitched gable roof, single story, contained administrative offices.
4. Barrack, (similar construction and same purpose as point 3 above.)
5. Wooden stand which held hand-operated fire extinguishers.
6. Garages, brick, open on one side, low-pitched gable roof, 24 x 5 x 5 m.; accommodated about six cars.
7. Soviet military billets, brick, 26 x 13 x 13 m., two-storied, high-pitched gable roof. Soviet enlisted personnel was billeted in this building. Number of personnel and unit designation unknown. Soldiers wore regular Soviet Army uniforms. 25X1
8. Billets, (similar construction and same purpose as point 7.)
9. Fence, mesh wire, topped with barbed wire, 3½ meters high. Fence enclosed the entire 150 x 75 meter Wismut A.G. area.
10. Road. (same as point 3,)
3. The administrative center of Wismut A.G. was responsible for the planning and operation of uranium ore mining projects in East Germany as well as monetary appropriations, the acquisition of and assignment of personnel to mining activities.
4. The entire area was fenced and guarded 24 hours a day by Soviet military guards. Each employee carried a Wismut A.G. pass and presented it to the guards at the gate on entry and exit. Passes for Soviet personnel were dark red, 10 x 4 cm., four pages, and included a photograph of the bearer. Passes carried by the German personnel were on light brown paper, 12 x 10 cm., with a three by four photograph. Both Soviet and German passes were issued in Chemnitz and had to be renewed each year.
5. Most of the German miners were very temperamental and heavy drinkers; they often engaged in rebellious acts when their demands regarding wages and working conditions were not met. Policemen were afraid to deal with them. Because of their general behavior the Soviet personnel was extremely nice to the Germans. A large number of miners suffered from silicosis. Wismut A.G. employed approximately 750,000 persons.
6. The following is a common joke among the Wismut A.G. German personnel:
A train has just arrived at Wismut A.G. in Chemnitz with people seeking jobs. Each applicant is introduced to a Soviet personnel director.
Soviet personnel director: "What is your occupation, fellow?" First applicant: "I am a roofer." Soviet personnel director: "O.K., you will work underground in a shaft." Soviet personnel director: "And what is your vocation?" Second applicant: "I am a bookkeeper". Soviet personnel director: "You also will work underground." Soviet personnel director: "What is your occupation, dear fellow?" Third applicant: "I am a clown." Third applicant: "A clown is a man who can fool people." Soviet personnel director: "O.K., you are hired as a leader in the recruiting office."

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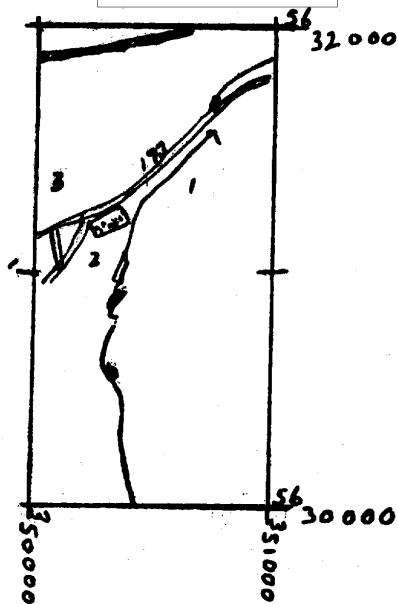
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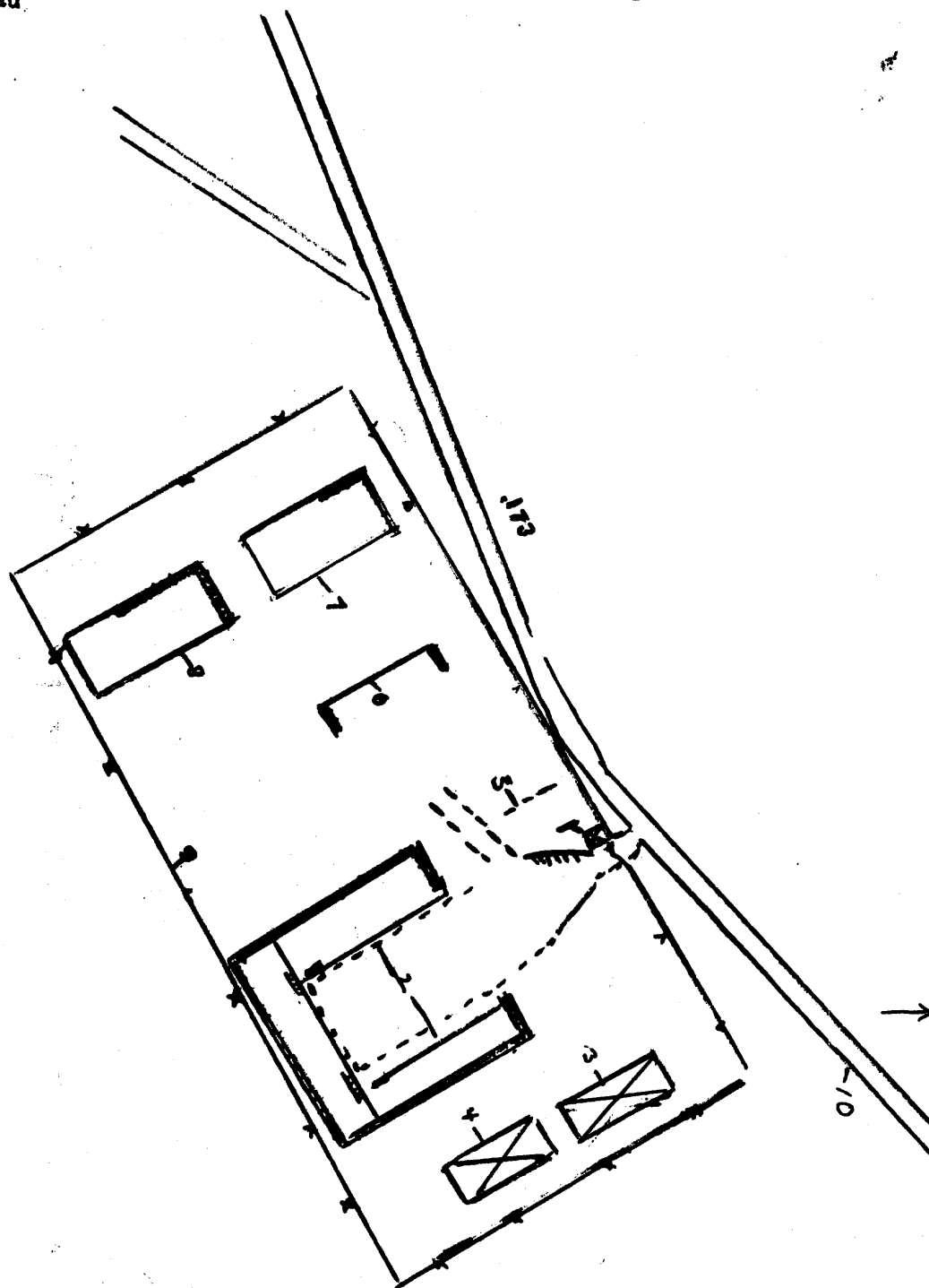
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Sketch of Site Layout of the
Uranium Main Administration Center,
Wismut A.G. in Chemnitz Siegmar-
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Wismut A.G. in Chemnitz
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